

DETAILED ACTION

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Anthony Orler on 5/9/11.

In the claims:

Claim 1:

- line 3: delete " the receiver;" add -- the receiver, wherein each receiver in the plurality of receivers allows for a plurality of users to use the gaming application; --
- line 12: delete "for a skill level" add -- per skill level --
- line 16: delete "the skill level" add -- each skill level --
- line 19: delete "skill level;" add -- skill level based on consecutive correct answers; --
- line 22: delete "with the results" add -- with results --
- line 23: delete "by the user;" add -- by each user; --
- line 26: delete "of the real time total user scores for each" add -- of real time total user scores to each --

Claim 2:

- line 1: delete "the step i," add -- the step of, --
- line 2: delete "a time base component," add -- the time base score component, --

Claim 3:

- line 1: delete "the step j," add -- the step of, --
- line 2: delete "a bonus score component," add -- the bonus score component, --

Claim 4:

- line 1: delete "the step b," add -- the step of, --
- line 2: delete "a game," add -- the game, --
- line 3: delete "the gaming portal" add -- a gaming portal --

Claim 5:

- line 1: delete "the step d," add -- the step of, --
- line 2: delete "a plurality of questions," add -- the plurality of questions,"

Claim 6:

- line 1: delete "the step e," add -- the step of, --

- line 2: delete "a question answer" add -- the question answer --

Claims 8-14 are canceled.

Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-7 are allowed in view of the above examiner's amendment in conjunction with the arguments filed 02/25/11.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRAMAR HARPER whose telephone number is (571)272-6177. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Melba Bumgarner can be reached on (571) 272-4709. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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